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**HOUSE
RESOLUTION No. ____**

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A RESOLUTION honoring Les Fox.

Whereas, Les Fox will soon retire from his position as president and chief executive officer of REAL Services, a firm he has guided since its creation;

Whereas, Les Fox has devoted his life to helping the less privileged and elderly in our state receive services and assistance that they might otherwise have been denied;

Whereas, Les Fox grew up in Milwaukee during the Great Depression, and the human suffering he witnessed during this time gave him a deep-rooted sense of responsibility to help others;

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Whereas, At the age of 18, Les moved to South Bend to work at Studebaker;

Whereas, It was here that his life of public service began when he was selected as a member of the bargaining committee and as Vice President of United Auto Workers Local #5;

Whereas, When the Studebaker plant closed in 1964, Les Fox was hired as president of Project ABLE (Ability Based on Long Experience), which was developed to assist older workers displaced by the plant shutdown;

Whereas, Les ran Project ABLE until 1965 when he was hired by the Regional Office of Economic Opportunity in Atlanta, Georgia;

Whereas, In 1966 Les returned to Indiana and established REAL Services, an agency whose original purpose was to help older people work with social service agencies;

Whereas, Under his leadership, REAL Services has expanded to include programs that provide services to the elderly, disabled, and low income families in five counties;

Whereas, Les Fox has been recognized at the local, state, and federal level for his many contributions and services to his community, and was awarded by Indiana governors the Sagamore of the Wabash in 1986, 1991, and 1997; and

Whereas, Les Fox has often stated that he believes the purpose of man is to serve his fellow man; Les Fox practices what he preaches: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives
- 2 congratulates Les Fox on the occasion of his retirement and thanks him
- 3 for his many contributions and endless hours of service to the state of
- 4 Indiana and its citizens.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Les Fox.

